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P&G Case 8100M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Lee Michael Teras, et al. :  
Serial No. 09/864,834 :  
Confirmation No. 5006 :  
Filed May 24, 2001 :  
For: METHOD FOR CONSTRAIN-FRYING SNACK PIECES HAVING INTACT  
SURFACE FEATURES

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Box Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

[X] This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed July 24, 2001. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

[X] No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

[] The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

[] This replies to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is enclosed. To complete the informalities noted on the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, applicant submits herewith:

[] New drawings complying with the size requirements (in compliance with 37 CFR §1.84);

[] Drawings of sufficient quality to readily use the patent application publication as a prior art document;

[] Specification of sufficient quality for optical character recognition (OCR) conversion of image to text;

[] Title and/or Abstract in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72;

[] Sequence listings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 *et seq.*

[] Other (please specify). \_\_\_\_.

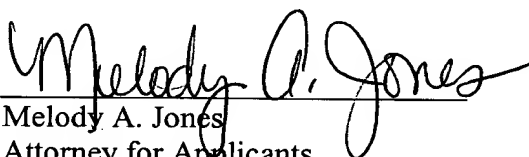
[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[] The Commissioner is also hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Notice to File Missing Parts to preserve the pendency of the above-identified application. The processing fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is as follows:

- [] \$110.00 for one-month extension of time;
- [] \$390.00 for two-month extension of time;
- [] \$890.00 for three-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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